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Topic: Resolution for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant

Submitted by: Larry Jones, Executive Director of Career & Technical Education

Approved for Transmittal:



Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Recommendation:

The Administration is requesting the Board approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant to provide up to \$100,000 to expand hands-on outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education opportunities for GPISD students from elementary through high school.

Rationale:

Funding would enhance 2027-2028 programming at the District's Natural Science Education Center, extend that learning into the Environmental Science Academies, and support middle and high school Outdoor Education classes. Activities such as fishing, archery, camping, aquatic science, environmental exploration, and grant-supported field experiences would extend learning beyond the classroom and connect students directly with Texas parks, waterways, wildlife, and natural resources. Together, these investments would strengthen existing District programs and expand access to meaningful outdoor learning experiences for GPISD students.

Budget Information:

N/A

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

CE (LOCAL), CE(LEGAL)

Board Goals:

- ☒ Goal 1 – Early Childhood Literacy Proficiency
- ☒ Goal 2 – Early Childhood Math Proficiency
- ☒ Goal 3 – College, Career, & Military Readiness (CCMR)
- ☒ Goal 4 – Middle School Reading Proficiency
- ☒ Other